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TESTIMONY ON SB 310

AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SUBMIT A
REPORT ON CASEWORKER RETENTION AND PERMANENCY OUTCOMES.

via email to kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov

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Dear Chairman Anwar, Chairwoman Linehan, Vice Chairwoman Welander, Ranking Member Senator Kelly, Ranking Member Representative Dauphinais, and Distinguished Members of the Connecticut General Assembly Children Committee:

My name is Michelle Wortham and I am writing on behalf of New Provenance Counseling Center to testify in strong support of SB 310. Thank you for allowing me to participate in the important discussion of this bill.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state and currently provide outpatient mental health services in private practice. I have worked with youth in care for the majority of my career in human services.

I support this bill because I have personally seen the impact of children when forced to endure another transition as they lose their workers. Specifically when it's abrupt and unforeseen.

Workers serve an important role in moving cases forward and meeting the needs of the youth. Furthermore workers also serve as family to many youth in care. High turnover is a large barrier that needs to be addressed and it's impact needs to be closely monitored, because our youth deserve the best outcomes available

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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